

## NEW P.S. BOARD WILL REVIEW GAS RATES

Their Reasonableness in This City and Suburbs Is to Be Investigated.

### HEARINGS SET FOR JUNE

Charges Fixed by Court Decrees May Be Upset if Found Unjust.

The new Public Service Commission, of which William A. Prendergast is chairman, announced yesterday an inquiry into the price of gas in New York city and suburbs. This decision was reached at a meeting of the commission in Albany on Friday. The hearings will begin on the morning of June 6 in the branch office, 49 Lafayette street.

"This means," said Chairman Prendergast, "that there will be an immediate effort to determine the reasonableness of present prices, irrespective of whether these rates have been fixed by court decree or under any other authority."

The following corporations are affected by the inquiry: Consolidated Gas Company of New York, Astoria Light, Heat and Power Company, New Amsterdam Gas Company, Central Union Gas Company, Standard Gas Light Company of the City of New York, New York Mutual Gas Light Company, Northern Union Gas Company and Queens Gas Company, Brooklyn Union Gas Company, Newtown Gas Company, Flatbush Gas Company, Woodhaven Gas Light Company, Jamaica Gas Light Company, Richmond Hill and Queens County Gas Light Company, Kings County Lighting Company, Brooklyn Borough Gas Company, New York and Richmond Gas Company, Queens Borough Gas and Electric Company, Bronx Gas and Electric Company.

The order says not only that the object of the inquiry is to fix just and reasonable rates, but that temporary rates, pending a final determination of fixed rates, may be put into effect.

### Red Cross Needs Clothing.

Robert T. Olds, American Red Cross Commissioner in Europe, has advised Red Cross chapters in this country of the urgent need of clothing by children in Europe. The production of 2,000,000 garments and 250,000 layettes has been undertaken in response to the appeal. Most of this will go to Poland, the Baltic States, Czechoslovakia, Austria, Hungary, Montenegro, Albania and Greece.

## SEEKS TO RESTRAIN JUDGE.

Miss Sullivan, Lawyer, Would Halt Charge Against Her.

Miss Winifred Sullivan, lawyer, of 115 Broadway, who became engaged in an argument with an attendant in the Long Island City police court two months ago, made application yesterday to Justice Callaghan in the Queens County Supreme Court, for a writ of prohibition restraining Magistrate James J. Conway from considering further a charge of disorderly conduct that was preferred against her at the time by John McElhearn, the attendant.

Miss Sullivan has since started an action against McElhearn for \$5,000 damages for the manner in which she alleges she was escorted from the court room. McElhearn alleged Miss Sullivan was conversing so loudly with a woman client she disturbed the court.

## TROLLEYS CLOSE TO FORESTALL RIOTING

Governor Miller Ready to Call Out Militia to Support Company.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD. ALBANY, May 21.—The ordering of all trolley cars into the barns at 8 o'clock to-night by the United Traction Company prevented a repetition of the rioting of the last two nights in Albany.

Expecting more serious outbreaks than ever before the city and county officials were in conference all day devising plans for controlling the lawlessness of the strike sympathizing mobs. Throngs, in expectation of trouble, crowded the streets and the police had difficulty in keeping them moving. The State troopers rushed to the city last night have been heavily reinforced, and State officials are holding themselves in readiness for a call for the State militia. J. Sheldon Frost, the Commissioner of Public Safety, and Sheriff Coss said that on the developments to-night would depend whether a request for the National Guard would be sent to the Governor. Word was sent to Gov. Miller and he agreed to come to New York if necessary to call out the Guard. At the same time efforts were made by the force in the executive chamber to locate Lieut. Gov. Wood, who is acting Governor and is now in the Adirondacks. Commissioner Frost said the State troopers had done wonderful work, but that because of the few who could be spared to Albany the soldiers might be needed to guard the tracks and other property of the traction company.

The United Traction Company printed a page advertisement in the local papers today explaining its position. It contends that the men broke their contract in quitting their work before June 1, and stated that there was no use of arbitrating wages offered the men, as the company could not afford to pay any more than forty-five cents an hour. It held that even at that rate it was losing money.

## FLYNN HOLDS OUT BOMBING EVIDENCE

Asserts Men Are Working on New Clues in Connection With Wall St. Blast.

Department of Justice officials, who disagree with the District-Attorney's office regarding the case of Giuseppe de Filippis, charged with being the driver of the wagon in the Wall Street bomb plot, declared yesterday they have sufficient evidence to warrant their charge against him, but have decided to withhold it at present. William J. Flynn, head of the department, said his men were working on new clues and that further publicity on certain facts in the case might bring serious results. He refused to disclose the nature of the clues or whether further arrests were imminent.

Benedict E. Dineen, Assistant District Attorney, declared that if the Federal authorities did not produce more conclusive evidence than has been presented, he would not present the case to the Grand Jury. He declared he did not know the three persons who, the Federal agents said, had identified the man as the driver of the bomb wagon.

De Filippis virtually remained incommunicado yesterday in the Hudson county jail, Jersey City. He is confined in a ward reserved for condemned prisoners and those requiring special watching. Patrick Sullivan, warden at the jail, said he appeared to be quiet and in much better condition than at the time of his arraignment in Bayonne on Friday. Joseph Scala, attorney for De Filippis, was the only person permitted to interview the prisoner yesterday.

### Free Lessons in Swimming.

"Splash Week," a welfare project to interest the public in swimming toward the end of reducing the number of deaths by drowning every summer, will be from June 6 to 12. Free instruction in swimming and life saving will be given at pools in all parts of Manhattan, children in the daytime, adults in the evening. The New York County Chapter of the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Y. M. H. A., Carroll Club, the Hebrew Technical Institute and other organizations promote the project.

### Prof. E. F. Jones to Aid Albania.

Prof. Elmer F. Jones of the Department of Education of Northwestern University sailed yesterday on La Savoie of the French line for Havre, on his way to create a modern educational system in Albania. He was designated for the post by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the request of the Albanian Government.

### Bishop Lloyd to Speak.

The spring meeting of the Westchester Chamber of Commerce will be held at Briarcliff Lodge at 4 P. M. on Wednesday. Suffragan Bishop Arthur S. Lloyd and V. Everett Mack will make addresses.

## POLICE FAIL TO FIND SUSPECT IN REID CASE

'Don' Collins and Others Prove to Be Very Illusive.

The Police Department redoubled its efforts yesterday to capture "Don" Collins and Frank T. Boylan in connection with the investigation of the shooting of John H. Reid at the home of Mrs. Hazel D. Warner, 1822 University avenue, last Sunday morning. Miss A. L. Wiley, Mrs. Warner's cousin, also is wanted, but no clue to her whereabouts has been picked up.

Acting District Attorney Benton said he had learned nothing further concerning the alleged activities of a Broadway badger game gang. Mr. Benton said he would do nothing until he receives a transcript of whatever evidence the Bronx prosecutor has found. Next Tuesday, it is believed, the operations of the gang will be uncovered by The Bronx Grand Jury.

## TWO HURT IN LEAP FROM SPEEDING CAR

Flash of Short Circuit Frightens Passengers on Way to Passaic.

The sudden fright of Thomas Loremo of 550 Main avenue, Passaic, when a short circuit developed yesterday in the controller box of a Passaic bound trolley car, sending a burst of flame up the front of the car, caused him to throw open the rear door and leap out. An unidentified woman who was also on the rear platform, panic stricken by his action, leaped after him. The car was travelling about thirty-five miles an hour. Loremo and the woman, it was believed, landed on their hands. They were taken to General Hospital, Passaic, where their condition is critical.

Motorman Charles Twinkle, although the flame nearly enveloped him, reached to the roof of the car and threw out the switch. He was not burned. The car stopped. Women passengers, who had seen Loremo and the woman leap out, screamed, but became calm when the car stopped. Police sent a call for an ambulance for the two injured passengers.

### Bishop to Consecrate Chapel.

Bishop William T. Manning will consecrate St. Jude's Chapel at 15 West Ninety-ninth street next Tuesday at 10:30 A. M. The Rev. Dr. John P. Peters, rector emeritus of St. Michael's Church, will preach the sermon. The rector, the Rev. Florida Howard, went with his wife to live in the midst of 4,000 negroes in a neighborhood which was without a church four years ago. The work attracted the attention of Dr. Peters and the result was funds for the erection of a chapel costing \$150,000.

## Daily Calendar

THE WEATHER.

For Eastern New York—Fair to-day and probably to-morrow; continued warm moderate southwest winds. For New Jersey—Fair to-day and probably to-morrow; moderate southwest winds. For Northern New England—Fair to-day and probably to-morrow; fresh southwest winds. For Southern New England—Fair to-day and to-morrow; fresh southwest winds. For Western New York—Generally fair and continued warm to-day and to-morrow; moderate to fresh southwest winds.

WASHINGTON, May 21.—Pressure is now high generally east of the Rocky Mountains, with highest pressure off the South Atlantic Coast, and it is low along the Canadian border and over the Rocky Mountains region. This pressure distribution has been attended by a continuation of warm weather in all sections east of the Rocky Mountains, except the East Gulf and South Atlantic States.

Cool weather continues over the interior region. West of the Rocky Mountains there have been widely scattered showers in the Southeast States and over much of the region west of the Rocky Mountains. Fair weather prevailed to-day in other parts of the country. The outlook is for widely scattered showers.

## LOCAL WEATHER RECORDS.

Observations at United States Weather Bureau stations, taken at 8 P. M. yesterday, seventy-first meridian time.				
Stations.	Rainfall		Wind-direction.	Wind-velocity.
	High.	Low.		
Albany.....	88.0	86.0	Clear	Cloudy
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Baltimore.....	84.96	86.20	Clear	Cloudy
Boston.....	94.72	94.04	Clear	Cloudy
Buffalo.....	72.00	70.14	Clear	Cloudy
Chicago.....	72.00	70.14	Clear	Cloudy
Charleston.....	72.00	70.14	Clear	Cloudy
Cleveland.....	80.68	80.08	Clear	Cloudy
Detroit.....	88.00	86.04	Clear	Cloudy
Galveston.....	80.76	79.08	Clear	Cloudy
Jacksonville.....	78.68	76.08	60	Clear
Los Angeles.....	60.04	59.22	Clear	Cloudy
Milwaukee.....	88.00	86.04	Clear	Cloudy
Minneapolis.....	88.00	86.04	Clear	Cloudy
Oklahoma.....	86.76	85.04	Clear	Cloudy
Pittsburgh.....	84.96	86.20	Clear	Cloudy
Portland, Ore.....	72.00	70.14	Clear	Cloudy
Salt Lake City.....	88.00	86.04	Clear	Cloudy